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have a copy of the appropriations bill in front of me and, since you wouldn't let me have a laptop, why, I can't access (laugh) the information. And so I'll just keep on talking until I think of something to say and somebody might hand me a copy of the A bill. Oh, yeah. Okay, I don't need a copy. I know, I think, what it is. This is the \$37,500 request for matching funds that would access another \$75,000 worth of federal money for the purpose of doing planning as it applies to neurobehavioral problems that so many people in Nebraska have. I would simply ask your permission to approve this because it's the right way to approach developing services for any kind of problem or disability that we might have for people in the state of Nebraska. You know, before the people who have head injury circumstances, with their friends or their family or in their community, ask for funds to develop programs, we should know what programs are necessary and required. We should know what programs exist out there so that we don't develop any more and duplicate whatever spending is being accomplished, either privately or publicly. And we should have some handle on who out there needs what kind and what degree of help and services. We do have a Nebraska Head Injury Registry now. That is most helpful. That started this whole thing. This is a small amount of money, I know, but a most important one, because I think it demonstrates how, when we talk about resolving a problem or meeting an unmet need or funding programs, we should all go about it this way, in my opinion. We should, first of all, plan, identify the need, and then try to determine what we can afford or not afford to do, and we should always make sure that we don't reinvent the wheel, do something somebody is already accomplishing. For those reasons, this \$37,500 would be well-spent to match the federal funds that we know are available to accomplish those goals, and I would ask you for your support.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Discussion on the advancement of LB 519A? Seeing no lights, Senator, you're recognized to close. Senator Lynch waives closing. The motion before us is the advancement of LB 519A to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 519A.